(1) do the Government remember their statement in the Council that they had been considering a cut-motion passed in the last Council, recommending to them to request His Highness the Maharaja to issue a Proclamation abolishing untouchability and unapproachability :

(2) what has been the result of their consideration ;

(3) have they received any resolution from the Cochin Women's Conference favouring temple entry and abolition of untouchability ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) The matter is still under consideration.

(3) Yes.

Sources of avoidable noise.

280. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the prominent sources of avoidable noise in the State that trouble the public;

(b) their impression of the relations between noise and shortage of life ;

(c) whether they are aware that the booms for the Gods, with special reference to the mischief enacted in the immediate vicinity of dying patients of the Ernakulam General Hospital for the sake of Ernakulathappan, are some of the worst kinds of public nuisance ;

(d) what they intend to do with reference to (a), (b) and (c)?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) The horns of motor-cars, cycles and other conveyances including boats, the whistle in Mills, the humming noise in places where people congregate such as markets, fares and festivals like Church Perunnals, Talapoli, Purams, Marriage procession, theatres, Cinema, &c.

(b) The relation is in the inverse proportion.

(c) No.

(d) Nothing seems to be necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) Kindly make yourselves more explicit in the layman's language.

Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—What is the question, please?

Deputy President.—The Government side must be more attentive.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is as explicit as anything.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that the Member for Revenue cannot explain it further ?

Deputy President.—Unfortunately the Hon'ble Member for Medicine is not here. He had to leave just now as he heard the news of his father's death.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Who gave authority to the Member for Revenue to answer my questions?

Deputy President.—In the absence of any Government Member, the supplementary questions can be answered by any other Government Member.

Orthodox type of marriage.

281. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware that the orthodox type of marriage in this country has failed as an efficient social institution ;

(b) what proposals of reform the Government intend to work out with reference to (a) ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) Has it succeeded ?

Deputy President.—What does it refer to ?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, it is with reference to (a). Am I to understand that they cannot answer that ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Lady hands—in the Council Office.

282. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) why there are no lady hands in the staff to this Council;

(b) with reference to (a)

(i) whether the ladies have the occasion to consider themselves being insulted for having no place in the staff of the premier representative institution of the State, and

(ii) whether the Government intend to accept the suggestion in (a) with special regard to the current idea of absolute equality of the sexes ;

(c) whether there have been any applications from ladies for the post indicated above and how they were disposed of?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(a) There is no special reason.

(b) (i) No.

(ii) Government will consider the suggestion.

(c) Yes, there was one application. It was forwarded to the Judges of the Chief Court and the Superintendent of Registration for consideration when vacancies arise in their departments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was any lady consulted before answering this question ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No.

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